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SUBJ: DRAFT NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION

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1. THERE FOLLOW TEXTS OF IS AND SEPARATE BELGIAN DRAFTS OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE/DECLARATION CIRCULATED LATE MAY 9 (MISSION COMMENTS FOLLOW TEXTS):

BEGIN TEXT

1. THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WAS HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 29TH AND 30TH MAY, 1975 WITH THE PARTICIPATING OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

2. THE ALLIES RECALLED THE DECLARATION APPROVED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN OTTAWA ON 19TH JUNE, 1974 AND SIGNED BY THE HEADS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN BRUSSELS ON 26TH JUNE,
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1974. IN REAFFIRMING THEIR ADHERENCE TO ITS TERMS THEY DECLARED THAT EVENTS SINCE THEN HAD SERVED TO UNDERLINE ITS IMPORTANCE, AND BRING OUT THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSES OF THE ALLIANCE: TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE SECURITY OF ITS MEMBERS, AND TO MAKE POSSIBLE

THE CREATION OF A LASTING STRUCTURE OF PEACE.

3. THE ALLIES REVIEWED THE CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT THEM;
AND RESOLVED TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES COLLECTIVELY WITH WILL
AND ENERGY.

4. IN THE TWENTY-SIX YEAR SPAN OF THE ALLIANCE:

- EACH OF ITS MEMBERS HAS MAINTAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY;
- NONE HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF ARMED ATTACK;
- THE TENSIONS OF CONFRONTATION WITH POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES HAVE BEGUN TO YIELD TO THE PROMISED BENEFITS OF NEGOTIATION.

YET, TODAY THE ALLIANCE IS BEING TESTED:

- THE ARMED FORCES OF POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES HAVE BEEN INCREASED AND IMPROVED, GIVING RISE TO QUESTIONS OF PURPOSE AND INTENT;
- WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS PERSIST, STRAINING THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AND TESTING THEIR DETERMINATION AND ABILITY TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY DEFENCE;
- PROBLEMS OF ENERGY SUPPLY REMAIN UNRESOLVED, TOGETHER WITH THE COROLLARY ISSUE OF POLITICAL DEPENDENCE;
- DISPUTES AMONG SOME MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE DIMINISH THE STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE.

5. THE ALLIES AGREED:

- TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMON DEFENCE.

WITHOUT A CREDIBLE CAPACITY TO DETER, THE ALLIANCE CANNOT PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUARANTEE THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF ITS MEMBERS CAN BE MAINTAINED.

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- TO PURSUE DETENTE WITH TRADITIONAL ADVERSARIES.

THE PROCESS OF REDUCING CAUSES OF TENSION MUST INCLUDE A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE AND THE DETERMINATION THEREAFTER TO TRANSLATE ITS WORDS INTO DEEDS WHICH WILL PROVIDE GREATER FREEDOM, PROSPERITY, DIGNITY AND SECURITY FOR ALL PEOPLE IN EUROPE. MINISTERS OF THE STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS STRESSED THE NEED FOR PROGRESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS ALSO. HAVING REGARD TO THE CONTINUING INCREASE IN THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT, A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA IN THE MILITARY FIELD WAS, IN THEIR VIEW, NECESSARY TO COMPLEMENT THE WORK

ACHIEVED AT GENEVA IN THE POLITICAL FIELD AND WOULD
CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP AND THE
STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE, WHICH
ALL CONCERNED HAVE ACCEPTED AS THE GENERAL OBJECTIVE
OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

- TO RESOLVE DISPUTES AMONG THEMSELVES.

AN ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRACIES HAS A SPECIAL DUTY TO
MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY.

- TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND CO-OPERATE ON THE GLOBAL
PROBLEMS OF FOOD, ENERGY, POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT ON
WHOSE SOLUTION THE FUTURE OF ALL MANKIND DEPENDS.

6. ALLIED LEADERS UNEQUIVOCALLY RENEWED THEIR COMMITMENT TO
THE PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, AND IN PARTICULAR
ARTICLE 5 RELATING TO THE ALLIED RESPONSE TO ARMED ATTACK. THEY
AGREED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVOTE THEIR FULL EFFORTS TO
MEETING THE EVER-CHANGING PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE ALLIANCE SO
THAT THE BENEFITS OF SECURITY, FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY WHICH THEY
HAVE ACHIEVED WILL BE PASSED ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.
END IS TEXT

INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION OF
BEGIN TEXT OF/BELGIAN DRAFT OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE/DECLARATION:

THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, MEETING IN BRUSSELS MAY 29 AND
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30, 1975 WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,
UNDERTOOK A GENERAL EXAMINATION OF THE SITUATION OF THE
ALLIANCE IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT.

ANALYZING THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THE
SIGNATURE IN BRUSSELS ON JUNE 26, 1974 OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION
ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS, THE ALLIES CONFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION
TO MAINTAIN THEIR INTERNAL COHESION, TO WORK AT STRENGTHEN-
ING IT WHERE IT HAS BEEN WEAKENED, AS WELL AS TO INVITE
THE OTHER NATIONS OF EUROPE AND THE WORLD TO MAKE THE
SPIRIT (VOLONTE) OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION PREVAIL OVER
THE SPIRIT OF CONFRONTATION. THEY EXPRESS THEIR
CONFIDENCE THAT A FIRST STEP ON THIS PATH CAN
BE TAKEN IN EUROPE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE PEOPLES OF THE ALLIANCE SHARE THE UNIVERSAL
ASPIRATION FOR JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. THEY
DESIRE THAT AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER BE ESTABLISHED
THROUGH CONCERTATION WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT
OF THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES OF
OUR TIMES AND THEY INTEND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING
OF SUCH AN ORDER BY DRAWING ON THE
CIVILIZING VALUES TO WHICH THEY ARE ATTACHED. THE
REALIZATION OF THIS COLLECTIVE TASK IS INSEPARABLE FROM

THE MAINTENANCE AND STRENGTHENING OF PEACE, THE SUPREME GOAL OF THEIR POLICY.

THE COLLECTIVE DEFENSE PROVIDED BY THE ALLIANCE IS A FACTOR FOR STABILITY WHICH HAS A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON OVERALL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IN A TROUBLED WORLD OF RAPID CHANGE, THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE RECALL THAT THE SECURITY OF EACH OF THEM IS OF VITAL INTEREST FOR ALL AND THEY OWE IT TO EACH OTHER, NOT ONLY IN THEIR OWN INTEREST, BUT IN THAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH

HAVE BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER AND VIGILANT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR COMMON SECURITY. INDEED, THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY IS CLOSELY TIED TO THE FUTURE OF THOSE NATIONS WHICH, HAVING FOUND THESE IDEALS IN THEIR HERITAGE, UNCEASINGLY WORK TO
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PROMOTE THEIR PROGRESSIVE APPLICATION AND UNIVERSAL SPREAD.

THE COUNCIL RECORDED THE UNANIMITY OF ITS MEMBERS FOR MAINTAINING THE TIES WHICH UNITE THEM, FOR AFFIRMING ON THIS BASIS THEIR COMMON DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE SECURITY THAT THEIR PEOPLES HAVE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM, AND FOR FOLLOWING A POLICY OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION WITH ALL NATIONS. END BELGIAN TEXT

2. COMMENT: IS TEXT INCORPORATES VIRTUALLY FULL TEXT PROVIDED STATE 102557, SUGGESTING THAT IS RECEIVED FEW OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO DRAFTING. IN CONTRAST TO U.S. TEXT, BRIEF BELGIAN DRAFT IS VAGUE, LACKS SUBSTANCE AND WILL NOT HAVE PUBLIC IMPACT WE ARE SEEKING. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH FRENCH DELOFF, WE BELIEVE DRAFT ADVANCED BY BELGIANS MAY ALSO REFLECT FRENCH PREFERENCE FOR VERY BRIEF AND UNSPECIFIC COMMUNIQUE. THUS, WE MAY FACE DIFFICULTY IN SPC MAY 13 AND 14 WHEN DRAFT TEXTS WILL BE DISCUSSED. SINCE WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL WISH US TO SEEK TO PRESERVE U.S. DRAFT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE WILL:

(A) INFORM KASTL THAT WE ATTACH SIGNAL IMPORTANCE TO U.S. DRAFT AND SEEK HIS COOPERATION IN SPC DEBATE. IF NECESSARY, WE WOULD ALSO PLAN TO INDICATE TO SYG LUNS IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO WORKING FROM IS TEXT.

(B) PRESS FOR DRAFTING IN SPC TO PROCEED FROM IS TEXT, SUGGESTING THAT SUBSTANCE OF BELGIAN DRAFT BE INCORPORATED INTO IS MATRIX.

3. IN ADDRESSING IS TEXT, WE WOULD PLAN, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, TO TAKE FOLLOWING APPROACH:

(A) TO ACCEPT REFERENCE TO ATLANTIC DECLARATION, WHICH HAS BEEN

GIVEN SEPARATE PROMINENCE IN PARA 2 OF THE IS DRAFT, A PLACEMENT
LIKELY TO BE PREFERRED BY MOST.

(B) TO INITIALLY SUPPORT MBFR LANGUAGE IN PARA 5 OF IS
DRAFT. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT IS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED
LANGUAGE ON MBFR AND HAS CAST IT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ANTICIPATED
FRENCH SENSITIVITIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY
FROM FRENCH DELOFF THAT GOF WOULD PREFER NO REPEAT NO REFERENCE TO
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SPECIFIC EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS. THUS, WE PROBABLY CAN EXPECT
ALLIES AT LEAST TO SEEK TO CUT BACK THE LONGER IS TEXT.

(C) WITH REGARD TO REFERENCES TO "SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING"
IN PARA 1 AND "MINISTERS OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE EGO-
TIATIONS ON MBFR" IN PARA 5, WE ASSUME THAT FIRST IS DESIGNED
TO TAKE ACCOUNT ONCE AGAIN OF FRENCH SENSITIVITIES BY NOT EMPHASIZING
PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE
REFERENCE TO "MINISTERS" IN PARA 5 SHOULD BE CHANGED IN THE
COURSE OF SPC DISCUSSION TO "LEADERS."

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